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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the non-English patent documents and counterpart abstracts are also enclosed.

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 2-101485, 6-16210, and 8-179608 are discussed at page 6, lines 13 through 26 and page 8, line 16 through page 9, line 26 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,640,651 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 8-179608.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 56-123573, 56-123574, and 6-51623 are discussed at least at page 6, line 27 through page 8, line 5 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,247,333 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 6-51623.

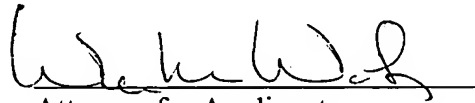
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		5,247,333	09/21/93	Yamamoto, et al.	355	245	
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		56-123573	09/28/81	Japan			Abstract
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		6-51623	02/25/94	Japan			Abstract
		6-16210	03/02/94	Japan			Abstract
		8-179608	07/12/96	Japan			Abstract

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